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Dear Ms. Hesse:

Thank you for this forum to share my thoughts regarding the continuing case against the Microsoft Corporation.

The Microsoft Corporation is one of country's leading producers and is certainly a worldwide leader in the growing technology market. I believe this company is an excellent model for study of the free enterprise system. We must always remember that Microsoft was not always the giant it is today, instead this company was created from virtually nothing. It was the innovations and business savvy of its founders that have brought it to the pinnacle of success.


It is the nature of the business world that when a company finds success it becomes the target of its adversaries in the business world. This is part of our system. What I do not believe is part of our system is when the government sets its sites on company simply because it is successful.

The success of this company is felt by all of us. Microsoft has provided good products that make all of our lives easier. These products are easy to use and relatively inexpensive. The company has worked hard to get where it is today and I am sure works just as hard to stay there. This is not a crime.

What is disturbing is that the pursuit of Microsoft has also been felt by all of us. We are living in a very strained economy. Prior to the onset of this suit, the computer and information industry was truly booming. Since the suit began, however, this sector of our economy stalled dramatically. The effects of this slow down have been felt throughout the markets and have negatively added to our strained economy.

I can only assume that the agreement is a fair one since both the Justice Department and Microsoft have agreed to its provisions. It is my hope that the court will approve this settlement.

Sincerely,


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